

Weston Commission for Children and Youth
Minutes from the November 19, 2012 Meeting

In attendance: Lynn Phillips, Charlene Monn, Dawn Egan, Kim Kus, Dan Doak, Jeff Drobner
Student Commissioners: Emily Weyrauch, Jack Kerns
Guests: Lois Pernice, Lois Guberman (Teen Peaceworks), Tiffany Davidson

Meeting called to order at 5:23PM.

Not enough people to make quorum/approve October minutes. Will table them until next meeting.

Family University

- Going forward the focus will be on families and their students in grades 5-10.
- Cyberbullying presentation might be valuable
- Andre Santelli and dietician to help out again
- Youth Services wants to get involved in planning
 - Want to get parents involved in planning—what would they like to see?
 - Goal: connect kids with parents and help parents help/understand their kids
 - Will work with PTOs
- One issue: social media and safety and responsibility
 - Civility in communications
 - No real privacy on the Internet, a lot of people don't realize that
- It was suggested that students in advisory periods be polled for topic ideas.
- January: have a Family U discussion meeting (open up for parents to discuss topics)
 - 40 minute meeting, will advertise in newsletters

Charlene's Office Report

- Fall parenting workshops
 - 9 workshops by Sussman and Greenberg
 - 8-10 parents each
 - in future: programs for parents of grade 5-12
 - Sussman will do more in March, May
- Fall WOW!
 - Dec 17th week will be used to make up missed classes because of Sandy
 - ½ hour added to classes on Dec 3 and 10 to make up for missed school
- Winter WOW!
 - 34 programs (19 Hurlbutt, 15 Intermediate)
 - adding a few new programs
 - Winter registration starts Dec 4
 - Fall waitlisted students receive priority registration for Winter
- Sitter Safety
 - Low enrollment so far
 - Session 1 ends on November 20
 - Session 2 and 3 will be on Wednesdays as opposed to Tuesdays

Search for Youth Services Director

- Ongoing process

Commission Openings

- Jack Kerns has officially been appointed
- Doreen O'Leary will rejoin

New Business

- Wellness week
 - The week before midterms (midterms are Jan 23rd)
 - Need ADAP contact for goggles
 - Bring them back for pre-prom too
 - Chartwells healthy snacks
 - Something involving mental/physical wellness
 - It seems we have integrated a lot of the wellness week mentality into everyday life at WHS
 - Open gym, NHS extra help, open campus
- Discussed drug protocols
 - Cultural, parental mixed messages
 - We should tackle the issue of drugs again
- Want to hear more about domestic violence
 - Maybe from Lois and teens with Teen Peaceworks
 - Emma Halper and Alexa Levine are senior co-chairs
- Only meeting in December **if new director has been hired**
 - Reception/holiday party

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Weyrauch